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TOPIC T Regiment of TV Nord in Viereck

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REMARKS

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1. The unit was referred to as either S 4-Kommando or KVPD Pasewalk II and in official correspondence used office number 4000 of TV Nord.<sup>1</sup>

2. In early August 1953, the unit moved from the tent camp to the brick buildings projected on the Viereck-Jaegerbrueck road.<sup>2</sup>

3. In late June and early July 1953, the unit was reorganized. Battalion headquarters were dissolved and three companies were transferred to Zittau. On the  the unit was organized as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	ES
Headquarters	25		
B supply company	2	1	59
Headquarters platoon	1	3	19
1st through 6th Co each	6	3	55
Training center	7	6	107

Each company was organized into one headquarters platoon including one S-1 squad, one radio squad and one telephone squad, and two firing platoons each equipped with two 76.2-mm guns.

4. Officers of the unit included Major General Rentsch, commander of TV Nord; Colonel Neitsch, deputy for PA, TV Nord; Lieutenant Colonel Petter, commander of B units, TV Nord; Major Otremsba, commander of the S 4-Kommando; Captain Nette, chief of staff; Captain Doenau, deputy for supply; Senior Lieutenant Laska, commander of the B supply company; Senior Lieutenant Labulla, director of the training center; Lieutenant Johansen, leader of the 1st Co; Lieutenant Fritsche, leader of the 2d Co; Junior Lieutenant Neugebuer, leader of the 4th Co; Junior Lieutenant Wisse, leader of the 5th Co; and Senior Lieutenant Harry Wimmer, leader of the 6th Co.<sup>4</sup>

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5. The unit was equipped with twenty-four 76.2-mm AT guns. Each firing platoon had one light machine gun. Infantry ammunition and gun ammunition was stored in the ammunition bunker, which was 10 by 7 by 2 meters. Gun ammunition was also contained in three limbers.

6. The motor equipment of the unit included 2 BMW sedans; 1 EMW jeep; 13 H3A trucks; 14 ZIS-150 trucks; 24 M1 jeeps which served as prime movers; 4 Phaenomen-Granit-27 jeeps serving as prime movers; 1 ZIS-150 repair-shop truck; 1 H3B commander's bus; 1 Phaenomen-Granit-27 ambulance; and 1 Phaenomen-Granit-27 tank truck with trailer. All vehicles were in good repair.

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7. [redacted] 10 percent of the soldiers belonged to the 1935 class; 60 percent to the 1934 class; 10 percent each to the 1933 class and the 1932 class; and 10 percent to senior classes.

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8. [redacted] 85 percent of the soldiers served terms of active service of up to three years and 15 percent of from three to five years. The head of the office served a term of more than five years.

9. Fifteen percent of the soldiers came from Saxony/Anhalt; 70 percent from Saxony; 8 percent from Thuringia; 5 percent from Mecklenburg; and 2 percent from Berlin.

10. Ten percent of the men displayed a neutral political attitude, while 90 percent were either indifferent or opposed to the regime.

11. Shortly after 17 June 1953, all Soviet advisers left the S 4-Kommando for an unknown destination.

12. A record firing held in Jaegerbrueck in April 1953 involved twelve of the best gun crews and produced excellent results as 95 percent of the participants fulfilled the conditions. This practice was followed by another record firing for officers three days later. On about 14 June 1953, and in late July 1953, officers again took part in other record firing practices.

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1. [redacted] Comment. TV 4000 (Nord) was renamed into TV 12 in early September 1953.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The brick buildings projected are carried as Stallberg post and Construction Project II.

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. Between June and August, artillery units of, and divisions subordinate to, TV 4000 (Nord) had to turn over complete batteries to TV 3000 and TV 6000 in the southern area of East Germany. These were the first measures intended to complete units in the southern area and to activate new alert forces under the command of TV 24 in Leipzig.

25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. Major General Rentsch and the field officers mentioned in the present report were previously reported.

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